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December 01, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

39 December 1, 2015


PATRICK O'QUINN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SLAUSON AVENUE REVITALIZATION
ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN THE
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VIEW PARK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the Slauson Avenue Revitalization project in the City of Los Angeles and in the unincorporated community of View Park; find that the installation of the Class III bike route for this project is within the scope of the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report; find the roadway and parkway improvement portion of this project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule, storm water pollution prevention plan, and a site-specific health and safety plan for a fee not to exceed \$15,000; and a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the installation of the Class III bike route for this project is within the scope of the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report.

BIDS: January 5, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

2. Find that the roadway and parkway improvement portion of this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,100,000.
4. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on January 5, 2016, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a storm water pollution prevention plan, and a site-specific health and safety plan for a fee not to exceed \$15,000, funded by existing project funds.
7. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, and deliver the project.
8. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule, storm water pollution prevention plan, and a site-specific health and safety plan for a fee not to exceed \$15,000 funded by existing project funds, and a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

The limits of the project are as follows:

- La Brea Avenue to Angeles Vista Boulevard/City of Los Angeles Boundary

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing enhanced aesthetics and improving the quality of life for the City and community residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$2,100,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

Funding for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the landscaping improvements and pedestrian lighting is estimated to be \$29,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2016-17, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Second Supervisorial District's annual Transportation Improvement Program to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for the improvement of existing roads. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

Jurisdiction for construction for this project has been received from the City of Los Angeles.

This project is to be completed in 140 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in April 2016 and be completed in October 2016.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to meet the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant funding deadlines.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203;

Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The roadway and parkway improvement portion of the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301(c), 15303(e), and 15304(b) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(4), (x)(9), (x)(13), (x)(14), (x)(18), (x)(19), and (x)(22); Class 3(b); and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for resurfacing roadway pavement; modification of existing traffic signal systems; parkway tree planting; installation of sprinkler systems; reconstruction of existing roadway pavement, curbs and gutters, sidewalk, driveways, and drainage structures in place, including the removal of those trees which are the cause of the damage requiring the reconstruction; new street drainage facilities which do not discharge onto private property; new highway channelization including raised islands; maintenance of existing roadway facilities; new construction of accessory structures; and new landscaping.

On February 28, 2012, Agenda Item 7, the Board certified that the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan is in compliance with CEQA and that it reviewed and considered the information presented within the Final Program Environmental Impact Report before it approved the Bicycle Master Plan; found that the Final Program Environmental Impact Report reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the County; determined that the significant adverse effect of the projects included in the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan have been reduced to an acceptable level as outlined in the Findings of Fact; adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and made a finding pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan implementation.

On March 13, 2012, the Board adopted the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan to replace the 1975 Master Plan of Bikeways. The installation of a Class III bicycle route on Slauson Avenue between La Brea Avenue and Angeles Vista Boulevard was considered in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan.

A one-time fee of \$2,919 was paid on March 2, 2012, at the filing of the first Notice of Determination for the Final Program Environmental Impact Report certification. In accordance with Title 14, Section 753.5(e)(3) of the California Code of Regulations, only one fee is required when an existing certified Environmental Impact Report is used for multiple project approvals that would result in no additional effect to fish and wildlife.

Upon the Board's approval of the Slauson Avenue Revitalization Project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination in accordance with 21152(a) of the Public Resources Code and pay the required processing fee in the amount of \$75.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. An award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved aesthetics and improving the quality of life for the City and community residents.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)